

**MINUTES  
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011  
TIERRASANTA RECREATION CENTER – ROOMS 2 AND 3  
11220 CLAIREMONT MESA BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO, 92122**

**CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 6:10 p.m. 75 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 7:53 p.m. to the next scheduled Pre-Map Public Hearing of the Redistricting Commission on Saturday, April 30 at Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room at 10:00 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:**

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal  
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez  
(M) Arthur Nishioka  
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow  
(M) Frederick Kosmo  
(M) Theresa Quiroz  
(M) David Potter

**ROLL CALL:**

Chair Anisha Dalal called the roll:

(M) Arthur Nishioka – present  
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow – present  
(M) Frederick Kosmo – present  
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez – present  
(M) Theresa Quiroz – present  
(M) David Potter – present

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Redistricting Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Comments are limited to no more than three minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Midori Wong, Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff, before the item is called. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Redistricting Commission on any issue brought forth under Non-Agenda Comment. Spanish translation services are available for this meeting.

(Transcript Begins)

**Chair Dalal:** Ms. Wong, do we have any speakers at this time?

**Chief of Staff Wong:** I don't have any slips submitted to me at this time, no.

**Chair Dalal:** Is there anyone who would like to speak at this moment? Otherwise, you certainly have an opportunity to speak about the redistricting plan under Item no. 4.

**Question 1:** I filled out a form, perhaps I filled out the wrong number. I have a question for the Commission. Is this the appropriate time for that?

**Chair Dalal:** You can certainly... we cannot at this time answer questions. There will be some information pieces and you may want to hold your question. Ms. Wong will present in the agenda and Ms. Bradley as well. You can certainly comment, as long as it's not....

**Question 1:** It's a question concerning the alleged bias of this Commission. So, I think this might be an appropriate time for that. What do you think?

**Chief of Staff Wong:** I would be happy to take any questions at the end of my presentation. I just ask that you speak into the microphone at the podium so we can capture it for the record.

**Question 1:** You'll call me at that time, is that right?

**Chief of Staff Wong:** I'll call you at the end of my presentation, sir, yes.

**Question 1:** Thank you.

**Chief of Staff Wong:** You're welcome.

**Chair Dalal:** Since we have no non-agenda public comments at this time, we'll move on to our agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION CHAIR**

(Transcript Begins)

**Chair Dalal:** I really want to take this opportunity to thank you for coming. It's very important that we hear what you have to say. This is part of a series of pre-map public hearings that we have scheduled. We had two introductory meetings on March 21 and 22. Those were information meetings about the process. Since then we have had– this is, I believe, our fourth pre-map public hearing. We met in District 4 and 8 last week. On Monday, we were in District 5. Today we are in District 7. We also plan to have a citywide pre-map public hearing in Balboa Park, this Saturday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m. Then we have a series of additional pre-map public hearings scheduled through May 11<sup>th</sup>. So you will get more information about those meetings and dates. Everything is on the website, so I encourage you to type in

Redistricting 2010 and it will take you to our website where you will find the most up-to-date, current information. We do have staff supporting that website to try to get everything up and running. Next item on our agenda, we have our Chief of Staff, Ms. Wong. She will present some information about the 2010 redistricting and overview of the U.S. Census data.

(Transcript Ends)

**ITEM 2 – 2010 REDISTRICTING AND U.S. CENSUS DATA OVERVIEW BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF**

Ms. Midori Wong, Chief of Staff, Redistricting Commission, provided an introduction to the 2010 redistricting process and an overview of the recently released Census data. There were three questions from the public.

**ITEM 3 – REDISTRICTING CRITERIA OVERVIEW BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Ms. Catherine Bradley, Deputy City Attorney, provided an overview of legal criteria associated with the redistricting process. There were two questions from the public.

**ITEM 4 – PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PREPARATION OF A PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN**

**Comment 1: Mitz Lee, Asian Pacific American Coalition**

(Transcript Begins)

Hello, good evening. My name is Mitz Lee and I'm speaking on behalf of the Asian Pacific American Coalition. This coalition has been working for almost a year on the redistricting process to give a voice to the Asian American who was left out ten years ago. So, we had a presentation on Monday at the Qualcomm headquarters, that we would our support team to finish that presentation because they only allowed us for three minutes. So I would like to yield my time to Mr. Vince Vasquez. He is the person who is providing us technical support along with the collaboration of the APAC members and leadership. Mr. Vasquez is the Senior Policy Analyst for National University System Institute for Policy Research. So, Vince.

**Comment 2: Adam Manhbaoboa, APAC**

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Adam Manhbaoboua, and I'm representing APAC also. I want to say thank you for your time and effort, I really mean that. Getting involved in the community, I realize what you guys are doing is amazing. I was planning to speak, but you are probably tired of hearing me, so I'd like to yield my time to Vince. Thank you, guys.

**Comment 3: Vince Vasquez, APAC**

Thank you. I wanted to go ahead and give a recap of the information that we discussed on Monday, in terms of Asian voting statistics and the census information, as well as give a more in-depth look into what APAC is proposing for District 9, as well as the full City of San Diego map.

So, what we know from the new data is that there are approximately 203,957 Asian residents in the City of San Diego. The largest population within the City Council District is District 5 at 31.5%. The neighborhoods with the largest populations of Asian residents, as you can see here – this is the top ten – are predominately in the north: Mira Mesa, Rancho Peñasquitos, Carmel Valley, University City, Rancho Bernardo. And when you look at the data broken down by community planning area boundaries, it's slightly different; can be very different in some specific neighborhoods, but very similar results. This is graphic representation as to where those largest Asian populations are broken down by CPAs. This is information on Asian voter statistics, so there are some techniques you can use to identify, using the voter registration file, where Asian residents are most likely to live. And I was able to determine that at least 63,000 registered voters live in the City of San Diego. That is about 10.2% of all registered voters. That compares to the statewide average.

The proposal that APAC has, currently 38.7% Asian population, here you can see the communities we are combining: the northern section of UTC, Mira Mesa, Rancho Peñasquitos, Torrey Highlands, the western section of Kearny Mesa. This was done for a very deliberate reason. We found from our research that these communities interact with each other. They'll live... people who live in UTC work in Mira Mesa and vice-versa. Cultural centers, the shopping districts, the commercial corridor Convoy, all these were chosen for an important reason, even beyond race. And you can see here that the population comes out to about 145,000 people. This is the larger map, where we see that possibly a District 9 could fit within the City of San Diego. And shaded are the colors of the new boundaries that we are proposing; in broken lines are the current boundaries. It's important for everyone to know that this is a working draft. We certainly need your input; we need feedback. We anticipate changes. But this is a collaborative effort, one which took time, as well as one that incorporates many of the goals and objectives of other civic organizations that are participating in the redistricting process. Certainly, I'd like to speak just briefly on the importance of variance. I understand that though we want to have a process that gets to the closest of the ideal number for a population within each district with very little variance, that goal actually creates more split neighborhoods and community planning areas. APAC as well as every other organization I've spoken to doesn't want to do that as a result of redistricting, as a result of proposing a District 1 through 9 map. We want to keep communities including Tierrasanta unified. We need variance in order to do that. So, just as something to either discuss or to provide civic organizations like APAC more direction. We certainly would appreciate that.

We have this information available on our website, it's APACSD.org. We can also answer questions through that website. We encourage you to find more information about our efforts and we look forward to working with other organizations as well as residents on our proposal. Thank you.

#### **Comment 4: John Pilch, Navajo Community Leaders**

Good evening. My name is John Pilch. I'm president of the Community Council in San Carlos and I'm here as a representative of many of the leaders of the Navajo communities of Allied Gardens, Grantville, Del Cerro, and San Carlos. What our primary focus will be this evening, and I have a handout for you, is to keep the Navajo area together; keep the four communities together as one.

Second page shows a map of the Navajo area with San Carlos at the ten o'clock and noon position; Del Cerro at six; next door is Allied Gardens; and then Grantville runs along the San Diego river and down to Interstate 8.

What we'd like to express to you as the decision-making body, is that keeping the neighborhood area intact... the four communities are compact, they are contiguous, with natural geographic boundaries, and they share the following community of interests, which we take as your main points to review: the interests of the residents, common social activities within the Navajo area; lifestyle patterns that are typical and desired by community residents; and a commonality of pride and connection with Mission Trails Regional Park, including the visitors center, Coal's Mountain and Lake Murray.

On page four, we have areas of common interests beginning with the Navajo Community Planners which is the only planning group for the four communities, handling the land use issues in all four. There are four representatives from each of the communities on the board. So the responsibility for what happens in the four rests on the shoulders of the 16 people. We have a common school system known as the Patrick Henry cluster, which includes seven elementary, two middle schools, and one high school. The project development area in Grantville is just getting off the ground. The Grantville stakeholders committee will be reporting to the Navajo Planners. We have two libraries which share resources among all four communities. Shopping in all communities, used by all the Navajo area residents. Organized sports leagues, they're listed so I won't go through all of them. Two recreation centers in Allied Gardens and San Carlos that have no boundaries within the area and are used by all the community residents who wish to do so. Common community events such as Springfest in Allied Gardens, National Night Out, same location, July 4<sup>th</sup> Musicfest at Lake Murray and San Carlos, and the Summer Pops on the green. Concluding with community service organizations, two <unintelligible> groups, Optimists, Elks and many churches of all denominations. So we ask that you consider that when making your decision. Thank you.

**Comment 5: Laura Riebau**

Hello, I'm Laura Riebau. I'm representing myself. I live over in what's considered Eastern Area Planning Committee. I noticed on the map presented by the Pan-Asian communities that they've put my district in with District 4. And there are a lot of social lifestyle patterns in my community that are very, very different from District 4. And I think when people are presenting this board with maps, they are being careful to give you boundaries for things they consider important and then pay very little regard to the characters of neighborhoods, the boundaries, and the social lifestyles and communities for the rest of the city, because of their giving you so much emphasis on their input. And I really hope that you will not just adopt somebody's map right out. I mean, I can see why they want District 9 the way they laid it out, but all they did was count numbers and draw lines after that. They didn't look at any of the in-depth character of the neighborhoods. My district is very different than District 4; my district is very different than District 3. Right now it's part of District 7 and that's probably where it does belong, based on social patterns and lifestyle and neighborhood character. Thank you.

**Comment 6: Jan Iverson**

Hi, my name is Jan Iverson. I've lived in Tierrasanta on Corte Playa Corona for 22 years now. I am here just representing myself and I'd like to make the following statements. I recommend you keep Tierrasanta, San Carlos, Allied Gardens, and Navajo together in one district. Actually you can even

move District 7 north to include the communities of Scripps Ranch as well. You may remember that Scripps Ranch used to be a part of District 7. Currently, District 7 extends all the way to the bottom of Scripps and includes about a 1,000 people in the Stonebridge Estates. So, it seems to me that the most logical thing to do would be to put Scripps Ranch back into District 7. Scripps Ranch, Tierrasanta, San Carlos, Navajo and Allied Gardens are all similar in nature and we have many things in common. All these areas are basically suburban with attached single-family homes. All the communities are residential made up of homeowners with families, and in fact, you could say Scripps Ranch is a newer version of Tierrasanta, and Tierrasanta is a newer version of Navajo. If you drive around the district you see that they look and feel similar. And you'll also see that there are similar income levels. Additionally, we are all a part of the San Diego Unified School District, we all drive up and down the 15 and we are all concerned about the traffic on the 15. Scripps Ranch, Tierrasanta and Navajo have other shared concerns. The communities border the Marine Base at Miramar and we are bound together in our shared concern about the efforts to convert Miramar into a commercial airport. The issue came to a vote in 2006 and the communities campaigned heavily against this idea and voted heavily against it as well. The issue will come up again in the next ten years, and Scripps Ranch, Tierrasanta, and Navajo will unite against the idea again. You can create a compact district naturally defined by using the existing freeway lines, with everything north of the 8 to the 56 and east of the 15 to form District 7. Thank you for your time and for allowing me to participate in this process.

**Comment 7: Scott Hasson, Tierrasanta Community Council**

Good evening, everybody, Commissioners. My name Scott Hasson. I'm the president of the Tierrasanta Community Council. We had a meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> that was sort of the initial steps for the community council on how we wanted to address this issue. For the past two and half months, we have been meeting in a group outside of the community council, with the communities of Kearny Mesa, Serra Mesa and Clairemont and talking about similarities and things we have in common with those communities. And those meetings have been relatively good. Some of them have been contentious but we pretty much came to an agreement on the direction that we feel we should go right now as a community. Our community council spent an hour on our agenda last Wednesday and we voted 14-1 on what I'm about to present to you. And I want to be clear, this is our preliminary report from the community council. Because this is... because we don't have a map, we didn't have a chance to put the map out— you are going to provide us with mapping software and when you do will change this potentially. But the reality is this our first draft at this, this is preliminary. We want to make sure that we have the right to come back to you in the future and make changes to this, but we wanted to have something ready since you are coming to our community, we should at least have an organized presentation on what we feel is a starting point for our community. You may have many community members here who don't agree with that, but that's ok because this is again, preliminary.

So, I want to talk about a few things. You can follow along on the overhead. This is points and reasoning why Tierrasanta should align with Kearny Mesa, Serra Mesa, and Clairemont. I want to say one thing clearly. We did not take for one second the incumbency or City Council offices, or who sits in them— this is a non-political issue for our planning group and we want to make sure that is clear, that we are on the record that we did not use that as one iota for these decisions we are making, not one. So the things we took into consideration were: communities of interest, the geographically compact area, reasonable access from one side of the district to the other, and contiguous territories. And those are the same exact guidelines you have as a Commission; we used those and nothing else. So, I'll walk some of these guidelines for the rest of these community members to hear, and for the Commissioners to hear.

What we came up with was traffic connection from—and as you can see, I have everything abbreviated—from Tierrasanta, Kearny Mesa, and Clairemont Mesa via Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Tierrasanta Blvd. (which in our community is called as Tierrasanta Blvd., as you head to the other side of the 15 it becomes Balboa); and then Tierrasanta and Serra Mesa via Aero Drive. We have a shared border of I-15 with Kearny Mesa and Serra Mesa. We have a shared border of SR-52 with Kearny Mesa and Clairemont Mesa. We have shared bus routes and major transit center in Kearny Mesa. All our buses that come into our community all leave this community and go to Kearny Mesa. It's a major transit hub for us and its over on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. And that is also how we gain access on those bus routes to Mission Valley, Qualcomm, etc. A natural divide would be Mission Trails Regional Park West, so our community goes up to Mission Trails Regional Park and west is a natural divide for us and we'll go into some details why. We have shared retail commerce centers. An example: in Kearny Mesa we have a Wal-Mart, in Serra Mesa we have a Wal-Mart, we have Petco, we have Sears in Kearny Mesa, we have Vons in Tierrasanta which we all go to, but we also have Vons in Serra Mesa that we go to when we're shopping at Wal-Mart or Petco, or Fry's. So we share all that shopping with those communities. That's part of the communities of interest.

Another really important thing is that we are all mesa tops, none of us are valleys. We all share that as a really interesting thing; we have finger canyons. If you drive through Tierrasanta, I live on Matador Court and at the end of my street is a canyon. Our community is made up of so many canyons and that's exactly how Clairemont is made up, and exactly how some part of Serra Mesa is made up. Kearny Mesa is not, but Serra Mesa, Clairemont, and Tierrasanta are all made up of canyons. We have a similar geography. We have similar geographic – so as she was saying before, Navajo was the first community, then it went to Tierrasanta, then it went to Scripps Ranch. Let's flip that around the other way. It started out in Bay Park, then it went to Clairemont, then Serra Mesa, then it went to Tierrasanta. So, you could look at it from both directions, but that is how this community came about.

One of the really, really important things for Tierrasanta is our fire department coverage. I'm sure you are all aware, that in 2003 my house and most of the residents of Tierrasanta were evacuated for fire. Our mutual aid station is Station 28. Station 28 is in Kearny Mesa, right next to Montgomery Field on Kearny Villa Rd. Right now, Station 28 is in a brown-out situation, so we are doing a lot of shared response between Station 28 and Station 39 which is our fire station. The next nearest station to Tierrasanta after that station, is at Qualcomm Stadium in Mission Valley. Needless to say we are in a very high risk fire area, and that's a very really thing, that those fire stations work together really well.

Another really important thing for us is our shared police coverage. The eastern division office for the police department is at Ruffin Road and Aero Drive in Serra Mesa. We only have 1.5 police officers in Tierrasanta on any given day – how the 0.5 came out, who knows? But we share police coverage with Serra Mesa; we share police coverage with Kearny Mesa. And clearly, Kearny Mesa has much less population, so a lot of their coverage is coming from the commercial district or coming to Tierrasanta.

So continuing, all of these areas we are talking about: Tierrasanta, Kearny Mesa, Serra Mesa, and Clairemont, all have one very specific thing in common. They are all around Montgomery Field. I sit on the Airport Advisory Committee, so I am very familiar with these neighborhoods. All of these neighborhoods have representatives that sit on the Airport Advisory Committee. And it really is an interesting thing to see the way these communities work. The Airport has a lot of specific issues; it has a lot of issues concerning keeping the airport at a low operation use. We don't want a lot of jets or heavy

aircraft coming in so we have fought to keep that airport at a low use, with 12,500 pound capacity for landing. As four neighborhoods together, we've fought to keep it that way. We've also fought the noise issues that come out of Montgomery Field. I'm a pilot. All the pilots hear it from all the people who aren't pilots, and our neighborhood community in Serra Mesa, they are the biggest recipients of all the noise just because they happen to be on the flight pattern on the south side of the airport. It's just the luck of the draw. But the reality is that we are all involved in the noise issues that go on, and we do have them in Tierrasanta. The noise, the planes coming in on final approach on the runway 2-8, and sometimes when it's cloudy we do get noise issues in Tierrasanta. So, we got those things in common with the other communities around the airport.

Another thing that is really important to Tierrasanta is the shared bicycle routes. We don't have any bicycle connection going to the east. There is no way to get to the river unless you walk to trails to get to other bicycle trails. Now, maybe they are planned in the future; they may be in the bicycle master plan if and when that ever comes to fruition. But we don't have any bicycle routes going that way; all of our bicycle routes are going west, whether they are going west to the beach or west wherever people are going – Tecolote canyon – but they are not going east they are going west.

Again we talked about similar age of communities. We are similar in age... actually the newest of the four communities is Kearny Mesa, because Kearny Mesa doesn't exist the way it used to look. It was before my time in San Diego, but Kearny Mesa now has, if you look at the number, they have about 6,400 residents and 15 years ago they probably had zero. So, that's a brand new community with brand new houses and where do they come? Where's the nearest community center to Kearny Mesa? You're sitting in it right now? Where do they come to do all their sports? And we are going to talk about that in a few minutes.

So, one of the most important things to Tierrasanta is the library. And as everybody knows, our library has taken a major hit with hours. The last time they did a cut we lost about 15% of our hours. And who knows what is going to happen with this next library cut. And the reality is the nearest library that is open when our library is closed, is on Aero Drive and it's actually in Kearny Mesa. You look at the map and you think it's in Serra Mesa, but it's actually in Kearny Mesa on Aero Drive next to Montgomery Field and that is the library that is open to give our community the offset for the hours when our library is closed. So it makes sense; we share libraries. And that's a brand new library – maybe 4 or 5 years old, on Aero Drive.

We talked about all the shared recreation centers. All the people that I know that live in Kearny Mesa, I know a few; they all come here for the ball fields. So we share ball fields with Kearny Mesa. Serra Mesa has some ball fields but Kearny Mesa – all the people come here. What I found really interesting is that we have a centrally located YMCA. And no one thinks of a YMCA as being that big a deal. Well, I'm a member of the YMCA and I think it's a really big deal. That YMCA covers– it's in Kearny Mesa, right off Clairemont Mesa Blvd., right by the County Operations Center, about two blocks away– and it covers Tierrasanta, Kearny Mesa, Clairemont Mesa, and Serra Mesa, and those are the target areas that they are looking to bring in people. It makes sense based on what we are presenting here.

We talked about shared sports team leagues. Everybody knows... the other presentation from Navajo, who we happen to like... the people at Navajo. They talked about the shared things. We had the same exact same thing. We share some of those leagues, but the difference between us, is that we share them with the people in Kearny Mesa and some people that are in Serra Mesa.

One of the big important things, and they touched on it in the Navajo presentation, is the San Diego Unified School District, subarea B. We are in subarea B with some of the other schools... The same as they have some of their other schools. Don't have the same cluster of schools, we have our own schools in Tierrasanta, much smaller than Navajo, we are a much smaller community, but we also have schools that are over in Clairemont. We have people that are going to school back and forth between those neighborhoods.

One of the huge things we haven't talked about but we need talk about is the military. We have a huge military population in Tierrasanta. If you go south of Tierrasanta Boulevard on Santo Road, we have about over 10,000 military families living in Tierrasanta. So if you look at our total number in Tierrasanta which is rounded up to 32,000 residents, 10,000 of those are military people. That's directly in common with what's going on in Serra Mesa in Lincoln Housing just south of Montgomery field. They have a large military housing population in Serra Mesa. Again, that makes sense. A lot of those people work together and play together. We have a lot in common.

So, what about the current situation? The current situation that we have with the current communities that we are aligned with... and again, we have no qualms with any of the communities we are aligned with. We don't have any connection to them. There is no traffic connection. We have no shared resources really, we don't. We don't share bus routes. Most of the things we've talked about previously, we don't share with the other communities, and thank goodness we don't, because we certainly don't want to connect through Mission Trails Regional Park. We will fight to the death to stop Tierrasanta Blvd. from going through and that's going to coming to fruition, that road is never going to go through. And when that does, we're really never going to have anything, anyway to get over there. The only way for us to get to the rest of our district, is to drive south on the 15, get off on Friars Road or the 8, and go west. There is no way to get to the rest of District 7, the district we are in now. And there is no planned connection to that district.

Again, the only connection that we currently have with the other communities in our district is Mission Trails Regional Park. This is a big question that the community council spent about 30 minutes on the other night. Do we think that Mission Trails Regional Park is a strong enough reason to stay aligned with the current communities that we currently have? And the community council overwhelming said that is not a strong enough reason to stay with the current communities we have. It's just not.

We came up with a significant proposal that meets the guidelines for the Commission and we want you to consider that. If you take into consideration Clairemont Mesa, Tierrasanta, Serra Mesa, and Kearny Mesa, our population is 144,048, which is exactly in line with your numbers that you are looking for... to make this district, whatever number it comes out to be– we aren't using district numbers really– but whatever number it is, whether you rename it number 1 or you rename it number 9, we don't care, but those numbers are right on target for what this Commission is looking for. So the proposal meets the population district, it also meets the entire communities of interest guideline that you have; it also meets all the bullet points we outlined above, it meets every single one. And the communities are completely contiguous, not partially like some communities are broken up, they are completely contiguous. So in closing, our community would like to submit this early in the process so the Commission understands we have a desire to align with communities of interest to our west. The fact is, if this is the first step, we will also be commenting again. This plan was voted on by the Community Council, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011; 14

to 1 was the vote. And I'm going to pass on to the next person, who is our Vice President elect of the community council, Neil Thornton.

**Comment 8: Neil Thornton, Tierrasanta Community Council**

This will be very quick. I just wanted to comment on... My name is Neil Thornton, incoming Vice President to the Tierrasanta Community Council. If you are from Tierrasanta and you voted for me, thank you very much. Just wanted to comment on the proposed APAC plan we saw earlier, they made an interesting comment. They said, "We want to keep Tierrasanta unified," but then clearly in the map that they showed, Tierrasanta was split in a very strange, kind of s-curve looking pattern. And to anyone here who lives in Tierrasanta, that is probably the most bizarre shape we could've ever thought of for Tierrasanta. If you drove in today, you probably saw on our wonderful monument signs that Mr. Campbell takes care of, it says "Tierrasanta, Island in the Hills." We are separated from pretty much everyone else, except for these very large arterials that go into Kearny Mesa, later on into Clairemont Mesa and then Serra Mesa. To split up Tierrasanta that is already split up into three assembly districts and two congressional districts at the moment, into multiple city council districts along some arbitrary line simply makes no sense to us whatsoever, when we are already a nice, contained unit as is, with very clear natural boundaries. That was my only comment. Thank you very much.

**Commissioner Quiroz:** I have a very quick question for Mr. Hasson. Tierrasanta is in District 7. Can you tell us which district the other three are in?

**Scott Hasson:** Tierrasanta is currently District 7; Clairemont and Kearny Mesa and Serra Mesa are in District 6, currently.

**Commissioner Quiroz:** Ok, thank you.

**Comment 9: Eric Germain**

Good evening. Eric Germain. I've lived in Tierrasanta the last ten years as of this Sunday. So, it's been a joy living here, very much. I'd like to comment first on the presumption that the panel here is doing an honest and fair job. And I'd like to say that I believe we have a lot more in common— Tierrasanta has a lot more in common with Navajo and with Scripps in terms of the types of houses and what have you, than we do with the people to the east. I'm not trying to denigrate or anything like that, but if you look at the neighborhood of Serra Mesa, if you look at the neighborhood of Clairemont, I don't see the similarities; I see those as not being the same. But if you look at Navajo, like I say, a little bit older neighborhood, then you go north to Tierrasanta, then you go north to Scripps, those are virtually identical neighborhoods. We did do the fight with Scripps in terms of fighting Prop 8, taking the airport to Miramar, we fought together and that was important to us.

In terms of the panel here, you have to wonder why some people were complaining about the honesty and the integrity of the panel. And the fact is, if you have too many of one party on the panel, what they can do is, they can draw the lines and they can draw the lines in a way that can affect the elections. And my understanding and my belief is that this panel is leaning heavily to the left, and it is trying to draw boundaries that will affect the election, and it is trying to draw boundaries that will cause a permanent Democrat majority in City Council. And that is not the way this is supposed to work. And so you have to ask— Mr. Marquez ran for the Democrat Central Committee of the County here in San Diego; he ran for

office. That's an immediate disqualifier; he has no business being on this panel. How did he get there and why is he there? Why is he there today? I don't understand that. He served as a Vice President for Stonewall Young Democrats Club of San Diego. Excuse me, extremely partisan. Was that made known to the panel when the selection process was going through?

Teresa Quiroz requested a Democratic ballot in the primary elections of 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010; she didn't disclose this. Nobody asked questions. It's supposed to be a three-judge panel making the selections; there were only two judges. Procedures were not followed and now we have a very partisan panel here. Dave Potter, you yelled at me once when you found out I didn't vote for Donna Frye. You said some rather harsh things, and you came aboard this panel as an Independent. Shame on you, how could you do that? So, we have a very partisan panel. They're keeping that a secret; they don't want you to know. But what they are going to do is they're going to draw the boundaries that are going to affect the election. You have to ask, why are they allowed to do this?

**Comment 10: Joe LaCava**

Joe LaCava, I've spoken a couple of times in front of the Commission and I'm still arguing for the Coasts & Canyons plan. I'm not going to go through that, because you've already heard it and we're going to talk more about it on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

You know I thought I was kind of half-crazy when I made a decision to attend every one of these meetings. One, I'm glad I did because the excitement of seeing all the people come out and the passion for the community really is uplifting. But more importantly, you actually get to see what the proposals are from individuals and different groups. And that's the only way you find out about them. It was particularly enlightening on Monday when a new plan was being proposed for the first time. The good news, from my proposal, is that most of the plans are starting to dovetail with what we are proposing for the new Council District 1.

The bad news is we have a serious amount of conflict between the new APAC plan. I was a little bit heartened tonight when they said it's only a draft plan, they want lots of input. So, that's good. But I think they all left, so I'm not sure they are going to hear any of the input that we are going to offer. The most important thing I want to talk about tonight is really their proposal to split University City. I think that is totally unacceptable. You heard some comment last week. Folks from University City couldn't be here, so they asked me to speak to it.

As an introduction to my comments, I want to let you know that the Community Planners Committee – which, I think you know, is an official body in the City, staffed by members of all the planning groups – voted last night nearly unanimously, 23 to 2, to advise or recommend to the Commission that you keep all the Community Planning Areas whole, to the maximum degree possible when you form those districts. Clearly, the population targets will make you trim a little bit at the edges, but you should really keep them whole. And I'm going to talk specifically about University City. Much like Mira Mesa doesn't want Sorrento Mesa carved off, University City wants to remain whole in one city council district. They have worked very hard to embrace themselves as a single community planning area. There are many issues, similar to the things you heard about the other communities, that they work together and they've really only been able to do that because they're under one council member. They've been that way for over 10, maybe 20 years, and it allows for effective, coordinated solutions for all their problems: parks, libraries, and traffic solutions, and development patterns. So I really urge you to reject

that proposal and keep University City as one community when you draw the redistricting plans. So for me to wrap up: 1) keep University City in one district, 2) please follow the advice of the Community Planners Committee to keep planning areas whole when you draw those district boundaries, and 3) adopt Coast and Canyons as the new council District 1. Thank you very much.

I should have done my usual intro: Thank you for your service to the community; thank you for the opportunity to speak; thank you to the good citizens of Tierrasanta for hosting tonight. Thank you very much.

**Comment 11: Marilyn Reed, Allied Gardens Community Council**

My name is Marilyn Reed and I'm president of the Allied Gardens Community Council. If the definition of a community of interest regarding redistricting can be applied to the impacts from a redevelopment area then we meet that requirement. Adjacent to and in the center of Allied Gardens is the Grantville redevelopment project. We did not join the unified presentation for the Navajo community because we are the ones directly impacted by the development and want to bring to your attention, the overwhelming issues that we'll be facing in our community. We are stakeholders in this process just as much as the businesses and few homes found in the project area. In 2008, we sent out 2,500 surveys in both Allied Gardens and Grantville. We also took surveys around to businesses in the area. Written comments obtained from these surveys revealed extreme concern about high-rise developments being constructed next to a quiet, small, single-family community. Additionally, 70% of the responding residents had strong opinions against amending the Navajo community plan to allow increased population density. Our community's concerns are clearly expressed regarding increased traffic, high-rise multi-family residential complexes, impacts to our schools, losing businesses in Grantville, lack of parks, and insufficient available parking. Recently, more young families have moved into the area, as it is affordable. But the natural evolution of this community will not continue if they must deal with speeding cars, impacted schools, rec center, library, and pool.

We made a sincere, detailed, and responsible effort to understand our communities concerns. This is not based on the opinion of just a few people. Currently, there is a projection that 8,100 multi-family residential units could eventually be built within just one part of the redevelopment area, which is soon to be explored with an EIR. This is the highest level of density being considered. This would mean 11,000 multi-family developments set along Mission Gorge Road. Even if the lowest level is chosen, there would still be a possibility of 8,000 units within the two redevelopment areas. Unfortunately, none of the proposed traffic solutions developed by the City consultants provide mitigation for traffic impacts within Allied Garden community. Our neighborhood streets should not become feeder streets to alleviate pressures from multi-family developments. We request that the communities of Allied Gardens and Grantville continue to be within the same district, so that we may be allowed to monitor the redevelopment process and hopefully have direct input. Thank you.

**Comment 12: Simon Mayeski**

Good evening. My name is Simon Mayeski. I'm a native San Diegan and reside right here in Tierrasanta where I've lived continuously since November 1999. Thank you, Commission, for your service. I know this is a very difficult job and probably not appreciated enough. I appreciate it. You're going to be drawing maps for nine districts; that's all of San Diego. My community has met with our San Diego

neighbors and has come up with an agreement about all these maps. Our intent is to best serve all San Diegans. And all groups, as much as possible, deserve representation at City Hall.

I support enhancing Latino empowerment in the current District 8 by maintaining the unity of all south San Diego, with the Historic Barrio neighborhoods south of Hwy 94 and west of I-15. I support enhancing African-American empowerment in current District 4 by increasing the African American percentage in that district. I support enhancing LGBT empowerment in the current District 3 by uniting neighborhoods south of I-8 that opposed Prop 8. I support a second Latino empowerment district that unites City Heights, which is nearly 60,000 people and 62% Latino, with remaining Latino majority neighborhoods to the south. I support the creation of an Asian empowerment district which unites the large Asian populations in Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos and includes the Asian business district in north Kearny Mesa. I support a Beach and Bay empowerment district, unifying the communities around Mission Bay around recreational beach use, including Pacific, Ocean, and Mission beach, and Mission Bay and the Mission Bay communities. I support a Mission Valley empowerment district, including SDSU, because of their common problems: traffic; the stadium and what might replace it; the trolley line; flooding; the river; and its watershed. This would include Allied Gardens and Grantville. I support a Coast and Canyons empowerment district, unified around UCSD, including all of La Jolla, all of University City and all of Torrey Pines, and bringing in north Clairemont.

And now to bring it all home, I support what we might call the Fire Danger District, unifying the I-15 corridor, Hwy 56, Tierrasanta, Miramar and the whole northeastern part of the city, most of which is currently District 5, east of I-15. Miramar ties nicely into this proposed district, and there are plenty of military families here in Tierrasanta, that work in Miramar. We are really describing the entire city east of the I-15, from the north top till it reaches the southern end of Tierrasanta, which along with Scripps Ranch has taken the brunt of fires in the City of San Diego. This area needs a City Council representative who can focus on fire protection for us. I live in Del Cerro; I live right next to Mission Trails. And in 2003, my wife and I were on our honeymoon and we were told we couldn't go to Tierrasanta because of fire. The home next to ours did burn down. Fire is really important, and if you're not paying attention to fire and you live in Tierrasanta... this area needs a City Council representative who can focus on fire protection for us. Mission Trails also known as my backyard, neatly ties Lake Murray and San Carlos into this district as they suffer much the same fire danger.

So there you have it, strengthening existing communities of interest in the southern part of the city and in the north taking some new views and new approaches on what communities are and how they are developed in the northern part. Thank you.

**Comment 13: Sherry Kelly**

Hello, my name is Sherry Kelly and I am the Treasurer of the Allied Gardens Community Council and a community volunteer. And after hearing everything that's been said, I've rewritten this so many times I might as well throw it away. It's the truth.

Allied Gardens and Grantville have been linked to Del Cerro and San Carlos, also known as the Navajo area, for many years. Community councils began in each of these areas except Grantville. Therefore Allied Gardens has always looked out for the best interest of Grantville as well. With the redevelopment of Grantville, the planning group was changed to include business people from Grantville. However, due

to the location of Grantville and redevelopment directly affecting Allied Gardens, we still have a keen interest in the planning of Grantville.

We request that the communities of Allied Gardens and Grantville continue to be with the same district, which at this point is Tierrasanta, so that we may also be allowed to monitor the redevelopment process and have a direct input. The people that always dominate the main control of the decision-making process for Allied Gardens and Grantville are people who either work for the City now, used to work for the City, are lobbyists for the building industry, or work for developers in some such position, or are just power-mongers who wish to further their own political interest and clearly are not concerned with how their decisions will affect Allied Gardens and Grantville residents and businesses. They have shown no regard for us in the past and will show no mercy in the future.

So I am sure you will be besieged by many to keep the group intact, even by the people living in Allied Gardens and Grantville. But again, their motives may not be generated in the best interest of the two communities. Allied Gardens Community Council does take the time to find out what the people in our community want and what Grantville wants. You talk about communities of interest, there are only two: Allied Gardens and Grantville. Thank you.

**Comment 14: Guy Mock**

Hello, my name is Guy Mock and I come from a community that has three council members. Everybody out there is saying I want to be in one council district; we don't want to be in one council district. We have a community that speaks so many different languages, we actually have a multi-cultural center that provides translation for much of San Diego and El Cajon; they tried to shut it down. There are eight different translators in that multi-cultural center; we've tried to keep it open. It's still open. So, I guess you might ask me, why do you live in a community like this? Well, because that's all I could afford when I was a Second Class Petty Officer in the Navy when I bought a house. But I still live there after all these years. We have temples next to mosques, next to churches. We are an immigrant community, and when I say immigrant, it's a transient immigrant community. People come there, make their fortune and move on to other communities. It's existed like that for many years. We have three council members because I don't think one council member could handle all those different people all by themselves. And quite frankly, if we have a problem in the community, which happens to be City Heights if you look up here, and you've heard it mentioned a few times, we can always go to another council member and say, "we have a problem here, can you help us?" I live in District 4; my backyard down the hill is in District 3; and right up the street is District 7. So, we have three council members, not a bad deal. If you want to have one council member, go ahead. But what I would ask you to do is don't chop up City Heights just based on the fact that you want it to be in this ethnicity or that ethnicity, because quite frankly, we haven't figured it out ourselves, but it is a great place to eat. A lot of Lebanese, Pho, Chinese, Mexican, you name it. We even have an Italian place now. It's a great place to eat, come on down. El Cajon Blvd, University Ave. What I'm saying is that as our community exists right now, we don't mind being subdivided. We just want to keep as many council members as possible.

**Comment 15: Estela De Los Rios**

Good evening, everyone. First and foremost, I'd like to applaud and commend the panel, the Commissioners, because this is a very difficult job and I wouldn't want to be in your shoes. It's a challenge but thank you very much for being here.

My name is Estela De Los Rios and I am a San Diego resident, but I'm also here on behalf of the Latino Redistricting Committee. As you are well aware, the finding, the census block, all over the county will reflect that Latinos are growing in every area, every region of San Diego demographic, geographic, all of the above. I know we are not here to define race or ethnicity, everyone has mentioned before, but the facts are, the findings are, we have a diverse, immigrant refugee population in one of these census blocks, which happens to be 62% in City Heights as the gentleman just focused on. We did turn in our map on Monday, and hopefully we will have a PowerPoint presentation ready to go in the next two hearings. I just want to say and reiterate that we support the next Latino District to be the 9<sup>th</sup> District to reflect our community of interest. We have churches, we have school district, we have so much in common that we also want to keep together our cohesiveness as a community of interest. Also, we support and are working with our African-American brothers and sisters, we are working with our LGBT communities of interest, and we are also trying to work together with our Asian communities as well, because we all have more in common than differences. So thank you very much, again I want to reiterate that I am here to support and advocate once again for our 9<sup>th</sup> to be Latino. Thank you.

**Comment 16: Mark Rawlins**

Good evening. My name is Mark Rawlins I was the past chair of the Navajo Planners, past chair of the Del Cerro Action Council, currently the secretary of Del Cerro Action Council. But I am here as an independent resident, private citizen. I just want to make a point, and some of it has been brought up this evening, but I just want to reiterate the community of interest, I don't care what district you call it, but the Navajo area, which consists of Del Cerro, Allied Gardens, Grantville, San Carlos, Navajo area, Tierrasanta, Scripps Ranch all have a community of interest. Prior to the last redistricting, they were all together in one group. And we believe that really does need to be collected back, the same group. Last redistricting, we got south of 8. South of 8 was College Area, College Area and Del Cerro or Navajo doesn't really connect. Even though it's there, we have a dividing road there, the 8, and it really is two different societies, two different roads. So I just want to make that clear this evening. So in my view, I believe the right answer, at least in that grouping would be the districting north of the 8, east of the 15, and the upper boundary would be the 56. Thank you.

**Comment 17: Michael McSweeney**

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Michael McSweeney. I've lived in the Navajo Community since 1994. I've been on the Navajo Community Planners since the mid-90s. I started the Del Cerro Action Council; I'm also on the Grantville Stakeholders Committee. And I've ran for school board twice in District B, and I've probably knocked on 12,000 doors and met probably eight- or ten-thousand people. In District B are Scripps Ranch, Tierrasanta, and the entire Navajo area. And I think that when you look at it all the communities have many things in common, so to me it's a community of interest. They all have active planning groups, and they all have active community councils, heavily citizen-involved, not government, but governing bodies. They all border Mission Trails Regional Park. It's all suburban, single-family, detached type housing. The demographics are similar as far as income and education levels. They all have very, super, I'm going to say, uber-active youth sports groups, for boys and girls. So much so, that in some areas like where we are now, there is not enough room for the girls and boys to all play – there's not enough fields. They also have very active parental involvement with their schools. These are, again, uber-active parents. Teachers love the schools in District B because parents participate, unlike other schools in other districts. And I'd like to disagree with the Tierrasanta

folk that would like to pull out of that. Because when they talk about the connection between Jackson Drive and Tierrasanta, which by the way we don't want it either, to have it split between two council districts, I think is foolish. The City keeps putting this road in the plan and we keep saying not only no, but hell no. And it's like the teacher with Charlie Brown; they hear "wa-wa-wa-wa-wa-wa-wa." So, I think that keeping that in one council district makes a stronger voice on the City Council as opposed to having two council members saying, "well, my people say yes," and "well, my people say no." And the rest of the council says, "Ok, whatever." So when you look at the boundaries, basically, Scripps Poway Parkway down the 15 to the 8 across, it's the same types of people, same types of families, same types of architecture, same types of involvement, same types of kids' sports. I mean, it's the same, it's the same, it's the same. I can tell you that from walking these communities in two different election cycles and talking to thousands of people. So I'd ask that you consider District 7 those following communities of interest. Thank you.

**Comment 18: Terry Cords**

Good evening, my name is Terry Cords. I'm here representing myself and I'm also representing the Crusaders Soccer Club. We are the largest community sports activity in the Navajo area and probably the largest soccer club in the City of San Diego itself. We have over 2,000 children— about 2,300 actually playing, so approximately about 2,300 families. My interest here is to express to you the importance of keeping the Navajo community as one. What I mean by that is Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, Grantville, San Carlos, Lake Murray area – we feel that is a very strong community of interest. I happen to own property in both Allied Gardens and in San Carlos. My son lives in the Allied Gardens house. It's important to me that we remain as one; one group, one activity. I could go on for a long time but I think that says the point. I believe it's important. One other thing is a neighbor and friend of mine, Judy McCarty, a former City Council representative, or member, could not be here this evening but she asked me to hand deliver a letter, which I will give to you, for the Commissioners, as well. Navajo area as one, whichever district it goes to.

**Comment 19: Lori Saldaña**

Good evening, my name is Lori Saldaña. It was my honor to represent half of Tierrasanta, more or less. And I understand people who are concerned about the district boundaries being in odd places because I would always have to explain to someone who said, "You are my representative because I live in Tierrasanta," that no, actually I'm not, because the boundary lines were very strangely drawn. I am a native San Diegan, I grew up in Clairemont. I'm actually back there now. And Clairemont is one of those early planned communities, very much like Tierrasanta was when it was being built in the 80s... 90s? I'm trying to remember. You are a new community compared to Clairemont. So, starting in the 70s, when I was growing up, University City was under construction. I know, that dates myself—carbon dating. The fact is that every community that has been master-planned really feels a cohesiveness. I want to thank the Commissioners for their work, as other people have expressed, because you are wading into a mine field, almost literally, especially in this community. And it is very challenging to figure out, how do you define the communities of interest? And we see the diversity of the entire state. When I served on the Legislature, I was on the Elections and Redistricting Commission. San Diego, for four years—when we discussed at redistricting— San Diego would be used as a model, a very good model of how to do redistricting well. And ten years ago, when these programs were broadcast on public television, it was one of the most widely viewed programs, locally. People were engaged, they were intrigued. So, as I sat through hearings looking at different models for the State Commission that is now in place, San Diego,

time and time again, was brought up as a good way to evaluate age. Our state population is growing older. People 80 years and over are going to double in population in the next few years. Our diversity, which has been mentioned already; our socio-economic groups – we have high-tech folks in areas, we have very low-tech folks in areas that I've taught in; we have the military community– is that a community of interest? Certainly there are clusters of military housing. And in my district, when I served on Veterans Affairs, I got to know them very well. Their challenges, especially now with the wars going on, are extreme, with their children and schools. So should we be considering them communities of interest around the city? Who has the parks? Sometimes it's the communities that have a lot of kids, and sometimes the communities with lots of kids have few if any parks. So, the challenges for a council member to figure out where to put limited resources, is extreme right now when the economy is so bad. Who drives and parks? Well, everybody here apparently. I had to cheat and park in the church parking lot. As other communities, they'd be asking near transit, near trolley. Lower socio-economic groups – they can't afford vehicles, they can't afford gasoline. Who can right now? So, the diversity issues that you are dealing with... again, I want to acknowledge the Commissioners and all of you for participating. This is a very good model; it's a very challenging issue. In terms of the politics of it, well, of course it's political – that why we redistrict, because it's about voting. But the numbers of people who are the most, the fastest growing group of voters and the decline to state. That is true in San Diego; that is true around the state. People are saying, "I want to vote for a person, not for a party." So, I would pay less attention to the political affiliations, because the truth is around the state, especially here in California, the fastest group growing group of voters don't care about parties. They are declined to state. They are concerned about good government and the outcomes of the processes like this. So thank you for committing to work on that.

**Comment 20: Cindy Moore**

Hello, my name is Cindy Moore and I actually came just to listen but there were a couple of things brought up that I thought I'd comment on; actually, one item. But first, I want to tell the Commissioners that I think you are very brave to be up there. I wouldn't want to be in your position.

I'm representing myself, the Serra Mesa Community Council and the Serra Mesa Planning Group. Neither of the groups has voted yet, in terms of what they'd like to see their preferences be. But Kearny Mesa was mentioned a lot and I think I need to explain one thing about Kearny Mesa. Kearny Mesa used to be part of Serra Mesa; we used to be one community. And when Serra Mesa didn't have a planning group, Kearny Mesa split off and they formed their own planning group, and they set the boundary as anything that had to do with businesses. So, it goes into Afton Road, which is right across of Serra Mesa, it takes all of Aero Drive, except the library. We do not have Montgomery Field. The only reason we get the Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library is that it's on park land that is associated with the Serra Mesa Rec Center. It also takes the police station, it goes Stonecrest, Wal-Mart, all of that. Because all of that was supposed to be business, it wasn't supposed to be... I mean, it was all supposed to be commercial; it wasn't supposed to be housing, but because of the previous recession it all changed. Then it also goes up onto Ruffin Road and that's Kearny Mesa right across from the multi-family housing in Serra Mesa. The reason this makes a difference is that we have had a number of issues that have come up and if we hadn't had a good relationship with Kearny Mesa and if we hadn't had the same City Council member, we might have had some problems. So, I think these two areas, right now... like I said, I'm speaking for myself. But I think it's important to keep these two areas together, unless you can convince the City to change our boundaries so that we get all of Aero, and change our community plan line. And then that might work if you took Kearny Mesa away. Thank you.

**Comment 21: Lynette Williams**

I already spoke to this group on Monday, but I'm back. And I thanked you and I told you that no matter what you do you are going to be criticized, so I thank you again for what you are doing.

I'm back again because I am talking about community. Everybody, almost everybody, except City Heights, wants to be in one city council district. And I am here... in Scripps Ranch, part of Scripps Ranch is in District 7. That is an area called Rancho Encantada, but nobody calls it that, it's called Stonebridge Estates. And it's really strange because between Tierrasanta and Stonebridge Estates is nothing but Miramar, and nobody lives there because that is, as everyone's talked about, where they want to put an airport, dual use or whatever they want to call it. But the area of Scripps Ranch that is in City Council 7 and City Council 5 would like to be together. We would like to be together in 5 or 7, or whatever number it eventually put it... who knows what the numbers are going to be. But I do remember when we were in the same city council district as Allied Gardens and Serra Mesa and they are all really nice communities with the same goals for family. We are very family-oriented communities; we are very sports-minded, very community-minded. I've been on the Scripps Ranch Newsletter Committee since 1989, so I've been very active in Scripps Ranch. So basically, please put all communities together except for City Heights. That's a nice community; we'll go to your restaurants. On Monday there was a male person, I'll call him a gentleman, who got up and did a tirade on Ms. Morrow. And I'm here to apologize from everybody who didn't boo that man down. We appreciate you, Ms. Morrow; we appreciate all of you. Thank you.

**Comment 22: Brian Pollard**

Good evening. My name is Brian Pollard. I am a resident of District 4 and a rare San Diego native. I wanted to first, again, thank the Commissioners for coming out and for the inevitably thankless job you are going to have in sorting this out. I wanted to basically adjust a couple things. One is, of course, our district, District 4 will be coming out with a map, probably on Monday. What that map is a result of, is what I see here – a lot of collaboration, a lot of discussion, a lot of emotions, a lot of historical issues, and a lot of practical family-related community of interest issues. We were able to meet very effectively with the Latino community, the Asian community, and we came up with some boundaries that we have moved the bar from if we like it or we don't like it, it's can we live with it. And the changes have been driven mainly by population growth within our district and the surrounding areas. And you folks have that same struggle. I do support of course increasing the African-American empowerment in the 4<sup>th</sup> District. I also support the District 8 and the new Latino district. The numbers obviously show that they need and deserve additional representation. I support the Asian community as well as the LGBT community to have appropriate representation in City Hall. This is what the redistricting process, in my opinion, is about. To make sure there is one person, one vote. It's always a sloppy process. The fact that so many people are here tonight means that that process is working. That means we are all going to have an opportunity to voice our concerns, to voice our issues. And then these fortunate people will have to sort it out and do the best job that they can. So I wanted to thank them and thank all of you, and again we will be coming out with a district map on Monday. So, thank you very much.

**Comment 23: John Hoy**

Since apparently I'm the last, I know you're all hanging on the end of your chair, so I'll be very fast. I assume you've reached the limit of your... your saturation point, at least for tonight. I appreciate your service, to all of you. I'm John Hoy. I live in Del Cerro; I grew up in San Carlos. I have lived in this district since 1970. As a young person, I went to school here. I've raised two children here and my wife and I have lived in Del Cerro since 1995. I can speak with some historical experience about the nature of this district; the development patterns in places like Allied Gardens, San Carlos, Del Cerro; the fact that many of those communities grew up together. Originally, Allied Gardens in 19...

**From audience:** '55!

**John Hoy:** Thank you! I went to the walk that day, when we celebrated the 50 years. Many of the patterns and what has happened over time in terms of community of interest when you look at those neighborhoods— all of Navajo, including Grantville, Allied Gardens, San Carlos, Del Cerro, now Tierrasanta and even further north to Scripps Ranch— they are often quite... they have a whole series of things that tie them together. The school zones – Navajo, obviously, with Patrick Henry High School, Lewis Jr. High, Pershing Jr. High... If you look at the youth sports, someone talked about Crusaders – very important to Navajo. Many of the active club teams also link from the Navajo area further north into Scripps Ranch. Even the district... Highway 8 forms sort of a functional boundary, and it's a boundary that is recognized even by the San Diego Catholic Diocese. When you look at the youth sports teams for San Diego for the Catholic Diocese, St. Therese in Del Cerro/Allied Gardens area links with schools in their little zone further north. It has been a community of interest for a long time and I urge you to keep it together in District 7, its important. Uh... I'm trying to think of the rest of the points... I appreciate your service and I look forward to seeing the numbers.

(Transcript Ends)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Dalal adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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Julie Corrales, Executive Secretary  
2010 Redistricting Commission

## **Written Comments Received at the April 27, 2011 Redistricting Commission Public Hearing**

### **Comment 1 – Jay Wilson**

I strongly suggest keeping the communities of Grantville, Allied Gardens, Del Cerro in the same council district. The communities are contiguous and in a single geographic area.

### **Comment 2 – Mathew Kostrinisky**

I'm a Del Cerro resident, raised and moved back to the community to now raise my family. I love my community for its community feel, rich activities and interconnection of the Del Cerro, San Carlos, Allied Gardens and Grantville neighborhoods. We have a long history of working all together and interconnected with sports, school, dinning, and other activities. I ask for the commission to please consider the Del Cerro, Allied Gardens, San Carlos, and Grantville as a single community that is closely intertwined together.

Lastly, as a former resident of Mission Valley, the impacts of Mission Valley corridor is important to my community as it is directly impacted by what happens in the region, including we use its shopping, movies, trolley line, and the San Diego River.

### **Comment 3 – Marilyn Reed**

Due to the Grantville Redevelopment project, please keep Grantville and Allied Gardens in the same district.

### **Comment 4– Charles Little**

I see no advantage for Grantville to continue being represented by the Navajo Community Planners.